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Bertrand V. Coker, 88

SHELBY — Bertrand Valentine Coker was born in Shelby county on Feb. 14, 1899. He was the son of Walter and Eliza Larimore Coker. He was one of six children in the family.

He operated a Barber shop in Tennant for a number of years. His last years of working was spent as a guard at the pork plant in Harlan. After his retirement he made his home in Harlan until March of 1986 when he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on June 1, 1987 at age 88 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Bessie Wilson; three brothers, Fred, Willis who died in WWI, and Lee. He is survived by his sister, Jennie Croft of Harlan; one nephew, Glen Wilson, Jr.; three nieces, Mrs Phyllis Walls, Winona Beck and Shirley Cleveland besides other relatives.

Funeral services were June 5, 1987 at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca with Rev. Robert Houser, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Donald Blakely and Ronald Jensen serving as casketbearers.